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In re Application of  
John Albert Hockman  
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 23, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed October 9, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. An Advisory action was mailed May 7, 2003 indicating that the reply filed on May 1, 2003 failed to place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on January 10, 2003.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-5594.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 1700, Art Unit 1731 for processing the Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 filed with the instant petition.

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